GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2463
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Manufacturing and Export of Fireworks
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity, value and percentage of fireworks manufactured in the country particularly from Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) the details of fireworks exported during the said period and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(c) the welfare measures initiated by the Government and the assistance provided to the State Government for the welfare of workers engaged in fireworks industries;

(d) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to ban the import of Chinese crackers and to protect the interests of domestic industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): The quantity and value of fireworks produced in and around Sivakasi for the last 3 years is as under:
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S.No. Year Approximate Value (Rs.in crores) Approximate Quantity in Metric tonnes
1. 2013-14 1050 74500
2. 2014-15 1250 89242
3. 2015-16 1755 119972
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About 90% of the total fireworks produced in the country is from Sivakasi.

(b): The details of fireworks exported during the last three years and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom is as under.
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S.No. Year Value in USD (Dollars) Quantity in Metric tonnes
1. 2013-14 465269 141
2. 2014-15 63095 19
3. 2015-16 32100 12.70
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(c): Measure for the welfare of workers engaged in fireworks industries is not covered under the Explosives Act or Rules. The subject is covered under the Factories Act, regulated and implemented by the concerned State Governments.

(d) & (e): The Government has not given any licence for import of Chinese fireworks so far. The matter was taken up with all the Chief Ministers of States for directing concerned authorities for keeping close vigil on clandestine import of fireworks and its sale. Advertisements were also published in various national and regional newspapers across the country to sensitize public against using illegally imported fireworks and their harmful effects. Further, District Authorities, Department of Revenue Intelligence and Custom Authorities have also been sensitized to confiscate clandestinely imported firework and taking appropriate action against illegal importers and sellers.

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